

REMARKS

Examiner Huson is again thanked for her careful review and consideration of the present patent application. She is also thanked for her efforts throughout the course of prosecution of this application and of related patent applications in this patent family. Also, she is thanked for withdrawing the rejections over the Dingeman reference.

With respect to the remaining rejections, the claims stand as rejected over Nakasuka, of Redding, Jr., and Altieri. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's position has been foreclosed by the decision on appeal in Serial No. 09/863,928, the parent of the present application. There, the Board held that the Examiner had offered "no evidence in support of the finding that 'gelatinization occurs about 150° C to 175° C.'" As such, the Board held that the Examiner had "offered no reasoning, nor pointed to any evidence of record indicating that the starch-protein composition of Nakasuka's Example 1 undergoes gelatinization."

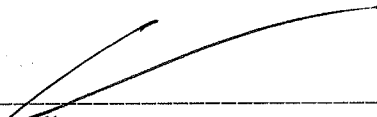
The Board further held that the Redding, Jr. and the Altieri references did not support the rejection. It is respectfully submitted that these references are not properly combinable, for the reasons stated in the response to the last Office Action.

The Examiner is urged to withdraw the final rejection and to allow the present application. Again, the undersigned appreciates the Examiner's efforts in connection with this application, and hopes for the issuance of a prompt Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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